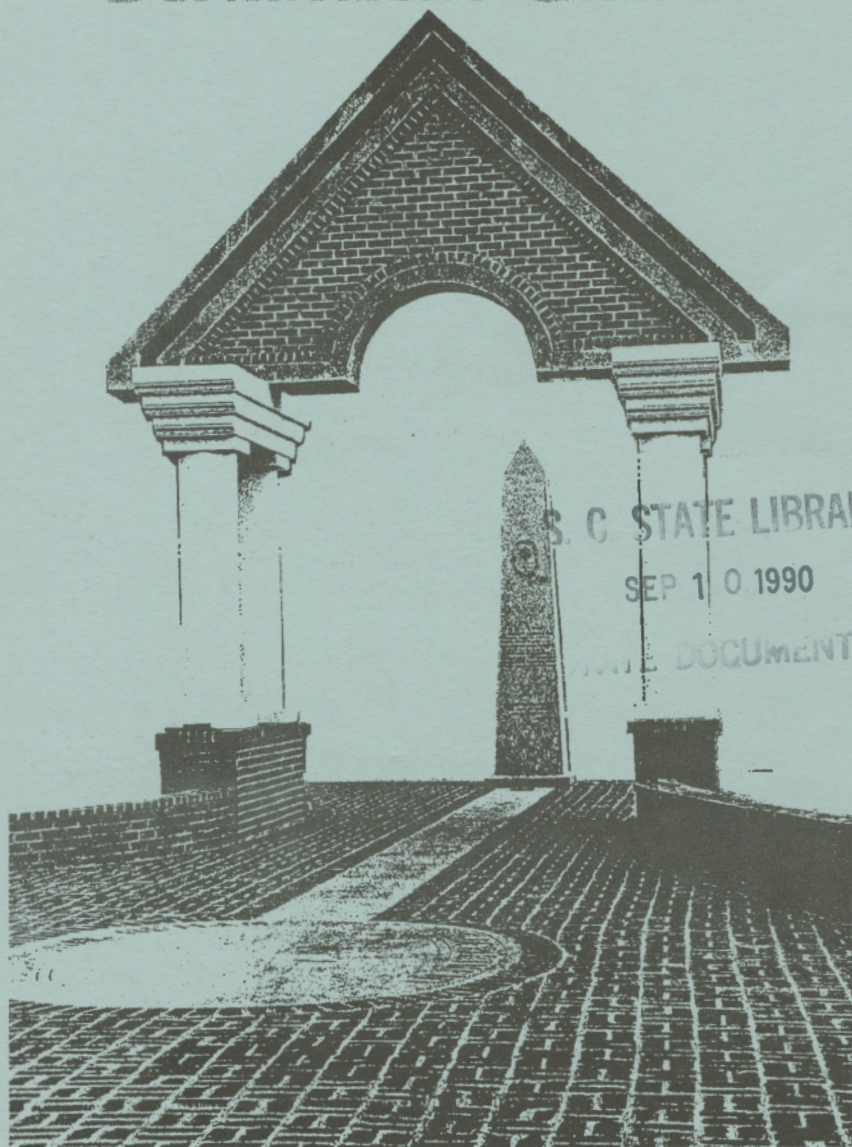


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THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT CAMPUS



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ABOUT THE COVER:

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department recently erected the monument on the cover of this brochure and considers it to be the focal point of its West Columbia Campus.

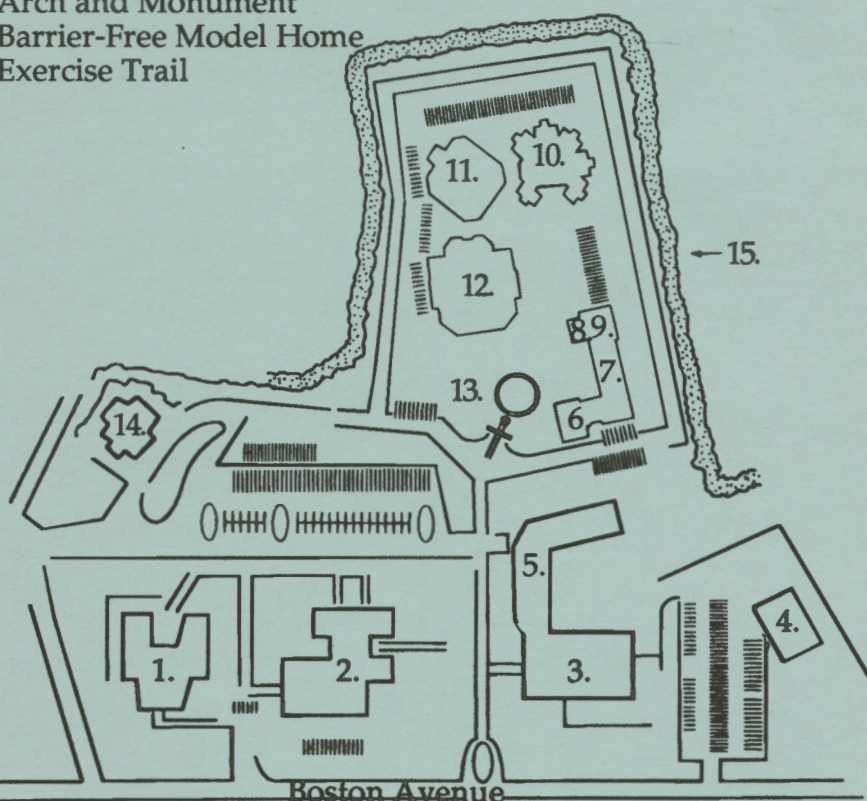
The dedication message on the monument reads:

This monument is dedicated to those individuals with disabilities who through equality of opportunity have reached independence, productivity, and dignity in life and to the Vocational Rehabilitation Department employees who, by their outstanding commitment, have provided vocational guidance, encouragement and support.

This monument is donated by friends of the Vocational Rehabilitation Department who believe that persons with disabilities have an absolute right and responsibility to participate fully in society.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT'S WEST COLUMBIA CAMPUS

1. State Office Building
2. Evaluation Center
3. Columbia Area Vocational Rehabilitation Center
4. Vehicle Repair Center
5. Maintenance and Storage Building
6. Technology Center
7. Print Shop
8. Rehabilitation Engineering Center
9. Independent Living Center
10. Training Center Dormitory
11. Training Center
12. Muscular Development Center
13. Arch and Monument
14. Barrier-Free Model Home
15. Exercise Trail



THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT

In 1927 the South Carolina Department of Education accepted funding from the federal government to begin the first vocational rehabilitation program in South Carolina.

Initially, the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department handled primary training for World War I veterans.

In 1957 the South Carolina General Assembly enacted permanent legislation to create a separate state agency.

The department now administers a comprehensive rehabilitation program which serves South Carolinians with a wide variety of disabilities.

The department also operates a network of centers and offices which provide statewide rehabilitation services to people with disabilities — services designed to help them in terms of employability.

And, the department operates cooperative programs in numerous school districts and institutions of other state agencies as well as two residential alcohol rehabilitation centers, Holmesview Center and Palmetto Center, and a comprehensive residential rehabilitation campus designed to provide muscular development, computer occupations training, vocational evaluation, and rehabilitation engineering services to persons with severe physical disabilities.

The agency also administers the Disability Determination Program of the Social Security Act as well as adjudicates claims for individuals under contract with both the South Carolina Retirement System and the Health and Human Services Finance Commission.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT CAMPUS

The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department Campus houses the department's State Office Building, an Area Vocational Rehabilitation Center, a Maintenance and Storage Building, Print Shop, Technology Center, and the Vehicle Repair Center, as well as a combination of programs that make up the Center for Comprehensive Programs.

At the Center for Comprehensive Programs, a team of rehabilitation specialists administers thorough evaluations and provides services such as physical therapy, psychological services, rehabilitation engineering services, adaptive aquatics, pain management and independent living services.

The comprehensive services now available on the campus allow the department to serve individuals with severe disabilities.

Programs making up the Center for Comprehensive Programs include a Barrier-Free Model Home, Comprehensive Evaluation Program, Computer Training Program, Independent Living Program, Muscular Development Program and the Rehabilitation Engineering Program.

STATE OFFICE BUILDING (1.)



The 34,000-square-foot state headquarters of the South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department, the Joe S. Dusenbury State Office Building, is located at 1410 Boston Avenue in West Columbia.

The building, completed in December of 1984, houses the administrative and support services departments for the state program.

EVALUATION CENTER (2.)



The Comprehensive Evaluation Center is located in the oldest building on the campus (1976) and was named in honor of Dill D. Beckman.

The center serves 30 resident clients from across the state in addition to day clients from the Midlands area.

Clients undergo intense vocational evaluation and the results of these evaluations tell the department what other specialized services within the center these clients need.

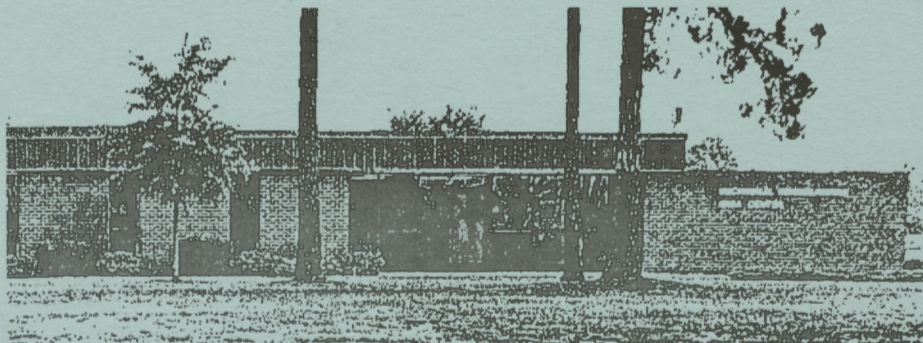
The department's vocational rehabilitation counselors, located across the state, refer individuals for these services.

The center also houses a Pain Management Program and an Industrial Rehabilitation Program.

In the Pain Management Program, individuals who could no longer work or enjoy daily activities because of their recurring pain learn appropriate ways to manage that pain through medical management relaxation techniques, exercise and proper body mechanics.

In the Industrial Rehabilitation Program, the department and the S. C. Industrial Commission work together to return to employment individuals whose back injuries have kept them from working.

COLUMBIA AREA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTER (3.)



The South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates community-based centers like this across the state.

These centers allow the department to coordinate, develop and provide comprehensive rehabilitation services to South Carolinians with disabilities in their own communities.

Each center serves eligible persons with disabilities and provides vocational assessment as well as personal, social and work adjustment training.

Contract work performed for business and industry provides the real work training experiences which help to develop worker traits that persons with disabilities need to succeed in competitive employment.

TECHNOLOGY CENTER (6.)



The Vocational Rehabilitation Department operates the Center for Rehabilitation Technology Services (CRTS) with funding from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, an agency of the United States Department of Education.

The center's purpose is to assess the need for, improve, and expand the application of technology-related services to persons with disabilities and to develop test models of delivery systems for rehabilitation technology services in South Carolina.

REHABILITATION ENGINEERING CENTER (8.) INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER (9.)



The Rehabilitation Engineering Program and the Independent Living Program, established in 1979, share space in the Thomas E. Ringer Jr. Building.

Rehabilitation Engineering, added in 1987, looks at the physical barriers that individuals with disabilities encounter and uses an engineering approach toward helping those individuals on the job, at home, etc.

Often just a simple modification to a client's future job site may enable that person to work for what may be the first time.

In addition, rehabilitation engineering works with clients on health maintenance issues like proper seating and body support.

The rehabilitation engineer not only prescribes many adaptive devices but also modifies commercially available aids and makes some devices in his 1,200-square-foot shop.

Independent Living services help increase the independence level of people with more severe disabilities, people who will probably never join the work force.

A federal grant specifically funds this program. That is why we can offer services like these to those we know will probably never work.

A lending program provides walkers, wheelchairs, ramps and other aids to clients — increasing their mobility and independence.

The program often provides custom modifications to client-owned vehicles.

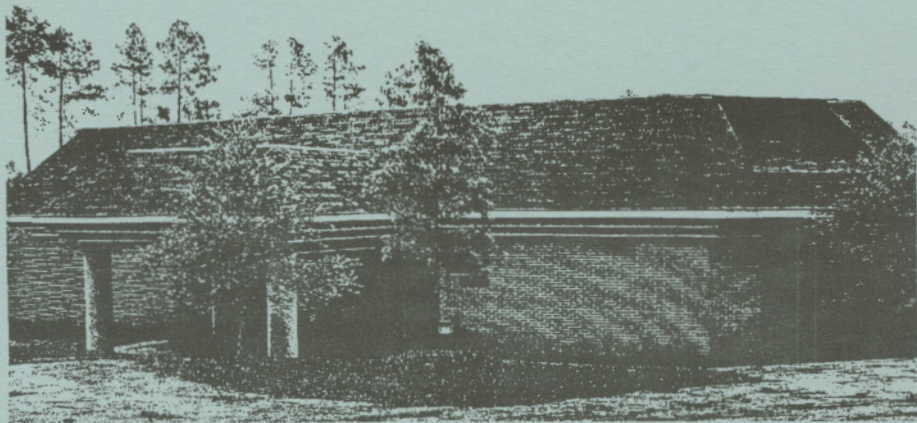
TRAINING CENTER DORMITORY (10.)



This honeycomb-shaped dormitory, attached to the computer training program building, houses trainees from across the state during their training in the computer training program.

It opened in 1987 and has 18 fully accessible private rooms where clients stay up to 12 months, depending on their program of study.

TRAINING CENTER (11.)



The computer training program trains people with disabilities in various computer-related careers including programming, computer assisted drafting and automated office occupations.

The program, which has operated within this modern 9,800-square-foot building, the Robert E. McNair Building, since 1987, began in 1984.

An active Business Advisory Council (BAC), made up of data processing executives representing the public and private sectors, assists the department in screening candidates, selecting students, developing curriculum, evaluating student performance, and placing trainees in internships and permanent employment.

The BAC meets monthly.

The computer training program continues to successfully place graduates into competitive employment. In fact, the placement rate for clients completing one of the three courses remains consistently above 85 percent.

The department attributes this success not only to the fact that we carefully select highly qualified trainees but also that we treat all training as if it is real work.

MUSCULAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (12.)



This facility, the Ernest "Fritz" Hollings Building, was finished in 1987. It contains the Muscular Development Program — made up of state-of-the-art physical therapy equipment, a therapeutic swimming pool, a well-equipped exercise area and a steam room — all of which enable the Vocational Rehabilitation Department to provide a full range of aquatic, physical and recreational therapies as well as exercise physiology.

Aquatic therapy helps individuals, who have difficulty exercising in the usual environment, because the water helps them move and exercise.

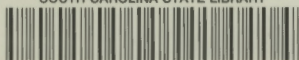
Physical function improvements acquired through aquatic therapy — such as increased strength, endurance, balance and ambulation — all directly impact on an individual's ability to handle the various physical requirements of a job.

Physical therapy directs its efforts toward maximizing an individual's physical abilities through various exercise treatments. The facility's therapeutic resistive exercise equipment, which includes pulley weights, treadmills, exercise cycles and a 16-unit exercise station, all contribute toward increasing an individual's strength and stamina.

All campus clients, as well as many local, day clients use the facility regularly.

BARRIER-FREE MODEL HOME (14.)

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The Center for Comprehensive Programs features a model home designed and built in 1986 to demonstrate ways people with mobility difficulties might increase the accessibility of their homes.

The 1,800-square-foot home's entrance, interior and patio are free of architectural barriers, while the interior demonstrates numerous features which make a home more accessible for people with physical disabilities.

For instance, the lowered position of the thermostat and all the light switches, the raised electrical outlets, added grab bars, and wide doorways are all part of the design.

Commercially available appliances, furniture and other devices have been carefully selected to show how easily an individual can make a home more liveable for someone with limited mobility and dexterity.



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